

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/624,331  
Applicant(s): Shinichi NISHIKAWA  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL ELEMENT  
MADE OF GLASS  
Confirmation No.: 6976  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/06050  
Filed: July 22, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 1791  
Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2007, which provides for a response period ending March 17, 2008.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for two additional months to May 17, 2008, is being filed concurrently.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.